

Labor Market Report

October



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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while previous month’s data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2018 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts Monthly Business Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment records and include all workers, full-or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of

## Technical Notes

the month. Approximately 5,000 Arkansas

business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Man- agement and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, com- muting patterns and social and economic integration.

Current Population Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the popula- tion 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not work- ing, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Unemployment

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

Seasonal Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

## October Spotlight

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

#### In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

4th Q 2018 - 3rd Q 2019

**U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6**

1.0% 1.6% 3.7% 3.9% 4.6% 7.2%

is for 4th Quarter 2018 through 3rd Quarter 2019.

The following definitions are used to calculate each

measure of Labor Underutilization:

* 1. **Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
  2. **Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
  3. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
  4. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
  5. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

##### Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

###### State of Arkansas

Three-Year Comparison (Quarter Ending)

9.0

8.0



7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

U-1

U-2

U-3 3rd Q 2017



3rd Q 2018

U-4

3rd Q 2019

U-5

U-6

## State of Arkansas

**Civilian Labor Force Summary**

### Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.5 percent between September and October. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 1,626, a result of an additional 937 employed and 689 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in September to 3.6 percent in October.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate was unchanged at

3.5 percent in October, as gains in employment and unemployment were small. Despite recent fluc- tuations in employment, there are currently 12,736 more employed Arkansans compared to October 2018.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,316,012 1,315,075 1,303,276 Employment 1,327,963 1,318,183 1,310,995

Unemployment 47,794 47,105 49,532 Unemployment 43,543 45,710 44,065

Unemployment Rate 3.5 3.5 3.7 Unemployment Rate 3.2 3.4 3.3

U.S. Unemployment 3.6 3.5 3.8 U.S. Unemployment 3.3 3.3 3.5

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,363,806 | 1,362,180 | 1,352,808 Civilian Labor Force | 1,371,506 | 1,363,893 | 1,355,060 |

##### Unemployment Rates - United States vs Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

###### October 2016 - October 2019

5.0

4.8

4.6

4.4

4.2

4.0

3.8

3.6

3.4

3.2

3.0

Oct '16 Apr '17 Oct '17 Apr '18 Oct '18 Apr '19 Oct '19

United States Arkansas

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

### **Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS) Oct 19 Sep 19 Oct 18 OTM OTY** | | | | | |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1291.7 | 1285.9 | 1273.2 | 5.8 | 18.5 |
| **Goods Producing** | 225.4 | 223.2 | 218.3 | 2.2 | 7.1 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 61.2 | 61.1 | 57.8 | 0.1 | 3.4 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.7** | **5.8** | **6.1** | **-0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Construction** | **55.5** | **55.3** | **51.7** | **0.2** | **3.8** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 34.8 | 33.9 | 32.9 | 0.9 | 1.9 |
| **Manufacturing** | **164.2** | **162.1** | **160.5** | **2.1** | **3.7** |
| **Durable Goods** | 77.7 | 76.7 | 76.5 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 86.5 | 85.4 | 84.0 | 1.1 | 2.5 |
| **Service Providing** | 1066.3 | 1062.7 | 1054.9 | 3.6 | 11.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **253.9** | **252.5** | **252.0** | **1.4** | **1.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 48.9 | 48.6 | 47.8 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 139.0 | 138.2 | 138.5 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 66.0 | 65.7 | 65.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **10.9** | **10.8** | **11.1** | **0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **62.8** | **63.3** | **60.8** | **-0.5** | **2.0** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 48.9 | 49.3 | 47.2 | -0.4 | 1.7 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.9 | 14.0 | 13.6 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **148.8** | **147.0** | **148.0** | **1.8** | **0.8** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 44.2 | 43.2 | 44.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 |
| **Management of Companies** | 36.6 | 36.2 | 34.9 | 0.4 | 1.7 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 68.0 | 67.6 | 69.1 | 0.4 | -1.1 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **196.3** | **195.6** | **194.3** | **0.7** | **2.0** |
| **Educational Services** | 16.3 | 15.9 | 16.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 180.0 | 179.7 | 178.1 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 59.5 | 59.3 | 59.0 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| **Social Assistance** | 41.7 | 41.6 | 40.4 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **123.8** | **124.7** | **119.2** | **-0.9** | **4.6** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 10.9 | 11.3 | 10.7 | -0.4 | 0.2 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 112.9 | 113.4 | 108.5 | -0.5 | 4.4 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 11.5 | 11.6 | 11.4 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Food Services** | 101.4 | 101.8 | 97.1 | -0.4 | 4.3 |
| **Other Services** | **53.2** | **53.0** | **53.4** | **0.2** | **-0.2** |
| **Government** | **216.6** | **215.8** | **216.1** | **0.8** | **0.5** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.5 | 20.6 | 20.1 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **State Government** | 80.0 | 79.3 | 79.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** | 116.1 | 115.9 | 116.3 | 0.2 | -0.2 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

### **September 2019 - October 2019**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 5,800 in October to total 1,291,700. Gains were posted in eight major industry sectors, while three sectors slightly declined. **Manufacturing** added 2,100 jobs. Ex- pansions occurred in both nondurable (+1,100) and durable (+1,000) goods manufacturing, due to seasonal hiring at food manufacturing facilities and recalled workers. Employment in **professional and business services** rose 1,800. Most of the gains were in professional-scientific-technical services (+1,000), related in part to hiring for the upcoming tax season. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 1,400. Hiring was reported in all three subsectors, due to preparation for the holiday shopping season.

**October 2018 - October 2019**

Since October 2018, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs are up 18,500. Eight major industry sectors posted growth, with five adding 2,000 or more jobs, each. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** increased 4,600. A majority of the gains occurred in food services (+4,300). Jobs in construction rose 3,800, re- lated to continuing projects. **Manufacturing** added 3,700 jobs, largely in nondurable goods manufac- turing (+2,500). Jobs in **financial activities** are up 2,000. Most of the growth was reported in finance and insurance (+1,700). **Educational and health services** increased 2,000, related to expansions in health care and social assistance (+1,900).

##### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

###### October: 1999 - 2019

1,350,000

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

1,050,000

'99 '01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

### **Manufacturing**

**Oct 18**

43.3

18.17

786.76

**Sep 19**

41.3

18.70

772.31

**Oct 19**

Average Weekly Hours 40.8

Average Hourly Earnings 18.79

Average Weekly Earnings 766.63

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

**Oct 18**

42.6

16.04

683.30

**Sep 19**

40.6

16.57

672.74

**Oct 19**

Average Weekly Hours 39.2

Average Hourly Earnings 16.37

Average Weekly Earnings 641.70

**Oct 18**

44.2

20.59

910.08

**Sep 19**

42.1

21.07

887.05

**Oct 19**

Average Weekly Hours 42.6

Average Hourly Earnings 21.39

Average Weekly Earnings 911.21

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing

##### Average Weekly Hours Worked - Production Workers in Manufacturing

###### October 2017 - October 2019

45.0

44.0

43.0

42.0

41.0

40.0

39.0

38.0

37.0

Oct '17

Apr '18

Oct '18

Apr '19

Oct '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA**

###### The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 360,147 | 357,382 | 355,560 | 2,765 | 4,587 |
| **Employment** | 349,423 | 346,094 | 344,888 | 3,329 | 4,535 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,724 | 11,288 | 10,672 | -564 | 52 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 368.3 | 366.7 | 364.7 | 1.6 | 3.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 38.3 | 38.2 | 38.5 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.6** | **17.5** | **17.5** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 20.7** | **20.7** | **21.0** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 330.0 | 328.5 | 326.2 | 1.5 | 3.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 71.1** | **70.6** | **70.7** | **0.5** | **0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 16.4 | 16.3 | 16.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.5 | 38.0 | 38.8 | 0.5 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 16.2 | 16.3 | 15.9 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information 4.1** | **4.1** | **4.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 21.6** | **21.6** | **21.4** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 49.5** | **48.2** | **50.0** | **1.3** | **-0.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services 59.8** | **60.2** | **58.0** | **-0.4** | **1.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 36.1** | **36.1** | **34.8** | **0.0** | **1.3** |
| **Other Services 15.9** | **16.0** | **15.7** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government 71.9** | **71.7** | **71.4** | **0.2** | **0.5** |
| **Federal Government** 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 36.1 | 35.9 | 35.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Local Government** 26.0 | 26.0 | 26.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

**Employment**

###### October: 2009 - 2019

360,000

##### Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

###### January 2017 - October 2019

38,000

37,000

350,000

36,000

340,000

35,000

330,000

34,000

33,000

320,000

32,000

310,000 31,000

300,000

'09

'10

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

30,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

###### The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas

and McDonald county in Missouri.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 286,952 | 284,020 | 276,369 | 2,932 | 10,583 |
| **Employment** | 280,464 | 277,288 | 269,480 | 3,176 | 10,984 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,488 | 6,732 | 6,889 | -244 | -401 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | -0.1 | -0.2 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 271.5 | 269.5 | 261.1 | 2.0 | 10.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 43.1 | 42.7 | 41.4 | 0.4 | 1.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 12.4** | **12.3** | **11.7** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Manufacturing 30.7** | **30.4** | **29.7** | **0.3** | **1.0** |
| **Service Providing** 228.4 | 226.8 | 219.7 | 1.6 | 8.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 57.9** | **57.6** | **56.6** | **0.3** | **1.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 27.2 | 27.2 | 26.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 18.1 | 17.9 | 17.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Information 2.1** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 8.5** | **8.5** | **8.2** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services 53.5** | **53.2** | **50.2** | **0.3** | **3.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.6** | **30.4** | **29.6** | **0.2** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 27.0** | **27.1** | **25.7** | **-0.1** | **1.3** |
| **Other Services 9.5** | **9.5** | **9.3** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government 39.3** | **38.4** | **38.1** | **0.9** | **1.2** |
| **Federal Government** 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 17.2 | 16.9 | 16.3 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| **Local Government** 19.4 | 18.8 | 19.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 |

**Over-the-Year Employment Change by Industry Sector**

###### October 2018 vs October 2019

Professional & Business

Leisure & Hospitality

Trade-Transportation-Utilities

Government

Manufacturing

Educational & Health

Mining-Logging-Construction

Financial Activities

Other Services

Information

- 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000 3,500

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fort Smith MSA**

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

### **Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,840 | 118,302 | 118,933 | 538 | -93 |
| **Employment** | 114,723 | 114,175 | 114,840 | 548 | -117 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,117 | 4,127 | 4,093 | -10 | 24 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 19**  **Total Nonfarm** 113.5 | **Sep 19**  113.2 | **Oct 18**  113.8 | **OTM**  0.3 | **OTY**  -0.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.8 | 22.9 | 22.8 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.0** | **5.1** | **5.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 17.8** | **17.8** | **17.6** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Service Providing** 90.7 | 90.3 | 91.0 | 0.4 | -0.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.1** | **22.7** | **23.1** | **0.4** | **0.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.3 | 12.0 | 12.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.0** | **4.0** | **4.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.9** | **12.9** | **13.1** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 17.4** | **17.3** | **17.2** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.4** | **9.5** | **9.4** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services 4.5** | **4.5** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government 18.3** | **18.3** | **18.5** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** 13.8 | 13.9 | 14.0 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Number of Employed Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  October 2017 - October 2019 October: 2009 - 2019  116,000 | | | | |

Oct '17

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 119,000 |  |  |
| 117,000 |  |
|  |  | 112,000 |
| 115,000 |  |  |
| 113,000 |  | 108,000 |
| 111,000 |  |  |
| 109,000 |  | 104,000 |
| 107,000 |  |  |

Apr '18

Oct '18

Apr '19

Oct '19

100,000

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

### **Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,014 | 41,006 | 40,404 | 8 | 610 |
| **Employment** | 39,596 | 39,548 | 38,890 | 48 | 706 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,418 | 1,458 | 1,514 | -40 | -96 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | -0.1 | -0.2 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 39.5 | 39.4 | 38.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 35.0 | 34.9 | 34.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

36,000

##### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

###### January 2017 - October 2019

35,500

35,000

34,500

34,000

33,500

33,000

32,500

32,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

### **Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,208 | 65,524 | 64,667 | 684 | 1,541 |
| **Employment** | 64,513 | 63,743 | 62,873 | 770 | 1,640 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,695 | 1,781 | 1,794 | -86 | -99 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 | -0.1 | -0.2 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 60.6 | 60.2 | 59.1 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 50.4 | 50.0 | 48.9 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

65,000

##### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

###### October: 1999 - 2019

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

'99 '01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

The Pine Bluff MSA = Cleveland, Jefferson, & Lincoln counties.

### **Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,245 | 35,124 | 35,546 | 121 | -301 |
| **Employment** | 33,604 | 33,396 | 33,944 | 208 | -340 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,641 | 1,728 | 1,602 | -87 | 39 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | -0.2 | 0.2 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 33.2 | 33.2 | 33.6 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 27.2 | 27.2 | 27.6 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

40,000

##### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

###### October: 2009 - 2019

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

26,000

24,000

22,000

20,000

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Out-of-State MSA**

### **Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

**Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA**

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 646,985 | 648,021 | 636,392 | -1,036 | 10,593 |
| **Employment** | 622,117 | 621,699 | 611,449 | 418 | 10,668 |
| **Unemployment** | 24,868 | 26,322 | 24,943 | -1,454 | -75 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | -0.3 | -0.1 |

**Texarkana MSA**

The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 19** | **Sep 19** | **Oct 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,988 | 64,761 | 65,123 | 227 | -135 |
| **Employment** | 62,405 | 62,118 | 61,974 | 287 | 431 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,583 | 2,643 | 3,149 | -60 | -566 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.8 | -0.1 | -0.8 |

##### Memphis MSA - Number of Employed

###### October: 2009 - 2019

650,000

##### Texarkana MSA - Civilian Labor Force

###### October 2017 - October 2019

66,000

630,000

65,500

610,000

590,000

65,000

570,000

550,000

64,500

530,000

64,000

510,000

490,000

63,500

470,000

63,000

450,000

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

Oct '17

Apr '18

Oct '18

Apr '19

Oct '19

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

### **Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

3.2

3.6

4.3

4.0

4.6

4.5

3.1

5.0

3.3

4.0

3.3

3.6

3.0

3.6

3.7

319

591

758

491

726

370

590

330

453

357

462

593

589

1,348

1,248

9,623

15,635

16,999

11,731

15,143

7,913

18,471

6,222

13,217

8,623

13,526

15,955

19,015

36,365

32,569

**October 2018**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**CLF**

9,942

16,226

17,757

12,222

15,869

8,283

19,061

6,552

13,670

8,980

13,988

16,548

19,604

37,713

33,817

3.6

3.9

4.5

4.4

5.0

4.8

3.1

5.8

3.7

4.2

3.5

3.6

3.4

3.8

4.0

353

642

786

536

780

388

604

368

498

384

486

595

670

1,424

1,364

9,402

15,838

16,823

11,779

14,950

7,767

18,776

5,999

13,089

8,766

13,464

15,831

19,238

35,613

32,451

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**CLF**

9,755

16,480

17,609

12,315

15,730

8,155

19,380

6,367

13,587

9,150

13,950

16,426

19,908

37,037

33,815

3.5

3.7

4.1

4.3

4.8

4.5

3.0

5.5

3.5

4.0

3.4

3.4

3.1

3.5

3.8

342

611

720

533

763

365

577

351

481

371

476

560

622

1,288

1,292

9,443

15,856

16,937

11,836

15,013

7,801

18,875

6,058

13,091

8,817

13,531

15,790

19,363

35,948

32,565

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**September 2019**

**October 2019**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**CLF**

9,785

16,467

17,657

12,369

15,776

8,166

19,452

6,409

13,572

9,188

14,007

16,350

19,985

37,236

33,857

**Micro Area**

Arkadelphia Micro Batesville Micro Blytheville Micro Camden Micro

El Dorado Micro Forrest City Micro Harrison Micro

Helena-West Helena Micro Hope Micro

Magnolia Micro Malvern Micro Mountain Home Micro Paragould Micro Russellville Micro Searcy Micro

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

### **City Labor Force Statistics**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

October 2019 September 2019 October 2018

**City CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

Bella Vista Benton Bentonville Blytheville Cabot Conway

El Dorado Fayetteville Fort Smith Hot Springs Jacksonville Jonesboro Little Rock

North Little Rock Paragould

Pine Bluff Rogers Russellville Searcy Sherwood Springdale Texarkana, AR Van Buren West Memphis

12,690

17,427

27,213

6,008

12,165

33,952

6,861

49,368

39,409

14,647

11,939

39,166

98,899

30,217

12,535

16,721

36,775

13,394

10,291

16,181

40,663

13,577

10,363

10,715

12,332

16,955

26,666

5,728

11,801

33,059

6,486

48,273

38,166

14,050

11,438

38,174

95,841

29,200

12,127

15,732

35,966

12,941

9,954

15,735

39,749

13,064

10,063

10,234

358

472

547

280

364

893

375

1,095

1,243

597

501

992

3,058

1,017

408

989

809

453

337

446

914

513

300

481

2.8

2.7

2.0

4.7

3.0

2.6

5.5

2.2

3.2

4.1

4.2

2.5

3.1

3.4

3.3

5.9

2.2

3.4

3.3

2.8

2.2

3.8

2.9

4.5

12,563

17,280

26,961

6,025

12,055

33,693

6,839

48,901

39,200

14,660

11,910

38,782

98,013

30,040

12,494

16,657

36,406

13,304

10,284

16,080

40,217

13,536

10,279

10,681

12,192

16,799

26,364

5,690

11,674

32,752

6,458

47,747

37,901

14,033

11,331

37,732

94,943

28,926

12,049

15,640

35,558

12,829

9,919

15,587

39,315

12,987

9,985

10,160

371

481

597

335

381

941

381

1,154

1,299

627

579

1,050

3,070

1,114

445

1,017

848

475

365

493

902

549

294

521

3.0

2.8

2.2

5.6

3.2

2.8

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3.7

3.6

6.1

2.3

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3.5

3.1

2.2

4.1

2.9

4.9

12,278

17,223

26,232

6,030

11,999

33,588

6,913

47,575

39,387

14,442

11,733

38,226

97,598

29,790

12,305

16,806

35,458

13,527

10,339

15,942

39,125

13,627

10,391

10,571

11,853

16,729

25,630

5,749

11,668

32,633

6,542

46,398

38,111

13,799

11,285

37,175

94,563

28,811

11,909

15,883

34,569

13,082

9,955

15,525

38,205

12,965

10,058

10,154

425

494

602

281

331

955

371

1,177

1,276

643

448

1,051

3,035

979

396

923

889

445

384

417

920

662

333

417

3.5

2.9

2.3

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2.8

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3.2

5.5

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2.4

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **October 2019** |  |  | **September 2019** |  |  | **October 2018** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |

Arkansas Ashley Baxter Benton Boone Bradley Calhoun Carroll Chicot Clark Clay Cleburne Cleveland Columbia Conway

Craighead Crawford Crittenden Cross Dallas Desha Drew Faulkner Franklin Fulton Garland Grant Greene Hempstead Hot Spring Howard

Independence Izard

Jackson Jefferson Johnson Lafayette Lawrence Lee Lincoln Little River Logan Lonoke Madison Marion Miller

9,586

7,811

16,350

140,176

16,091

4,554

2,440

12,836

3,338

9,785

5,649

9,256

3,289

9,188

8,273

55,674

26,733

21,662

7,414

2,847

5,591

7,896

62,289

7,472

4,895

41,014

8,481

19,985

9,943

14,007

5,638

16,467

4,908

5,929

27,943

10,248

2,495

6,974

2,887

4,013

5,495

8,583

34,410

7,718

6,609

19,708

9,335

7,470

15,790

136,927

15,616

4,396

2,355

12,500

3,149

9,443

5,429

8,861

3,171

8,817

7,953

54,299

25,916

20,863

7,128

2,729

5,380

7,542

60,565

7,237

4,733

39,596

8,232

19,363

9,596

13,531

5,480

15,856

4,689

5,571

26,570

9,863

2,387

6,730

2,769

3,863

5,273

8,218

33,401

7,534

6,365

19,001

251

341

560

3,249

475

158

85

336

189

342

220

395

118

371

320

1,375

817

799

286

118

211

354

1,724

235

162

1,418

249

622

347

476

158

611

219

358

1,373

385

108

244

118

150

222

365

1,009

184

244

707

2.6

4.4

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3.7

4.0

4.3

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3.7

3.6

9,525

7,831

16,426

138,793

16,028

4,552

2,422

12,837

3,327

9,755

5,664

9,347

3,259

9,150

8,266

55,121

26,562

21,578

7,403

2,826

5,479

7,839

61,804

7,436

4,956

41,006

8,388

19,908

9,944

13,950

5,616

16,480

4,992

5,845

27,870

10,214

2,486

6,973

2,851

3,995

5,455

8,554

34,241

7,615

6,690

19,627

9,275

7,471

15,831

135,376

15,534

4,392

2,337

12,487

3,127

9,402

5,419

8,948

3,147

8,766

7,917

53,671

25,714

20,712

7,115

2,700

5,255

7,483

60,003

7,188

4,780

39,548

8,133

19,238

9,588

13,464

5,453

15,838

4,741

5,489

26,415

9,799

2,370

6,705

2,728

3,834

5,232

8,172

33,041

7,431

6,427

18,889

250

360

595

3,417

494

160

85

350

200

353

245

399

112

384

349

1,450

848

866

288

126

224

356

1,801

248

176

1,458

255

670

356

486

163

642

251

356

1,455

415

116

268

123

161

223

382

1,200

184

263

738

2.6

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4.0

4.1

4.5

3.5

2.4

3.9

3.8

9,150

7,740

16,548

135,134

15,763

4,532

2,419

12,841

3,292

9,942

5,841

9,179

3,321

8,980

8,210

54,346

26,765

21,488

7,412

2,876

5,555

7,950

61,588

7,433

4,740

40,404

8,372

19,604

10,034

13,988

5,909

16,226

4,830

5,847

28,166

10,453

2,504

6,972

2,946

4,059

5,513

8,764

34,014

7,500

6,460

19,731

8,890

7,391

15,955

131,608

15,273

4,361

2,343

12,498

3,111

9,623

5,620

8,823

3,209

8,623

7,908

52,878

25,901

20,700

7,146

2,767

5,353

7,621

59,785

7,196

4,579

38,890

8,140

19,015

9,693

13,526

5,712

15,635

4,627

5,533

26,825

10,069

2,395

6,737

2,825

3,910

5,234

8,452

33,025

7,304

6,212

18,857

260

349

593

3,526

490

171

76

343

181

319

221

356

112

357

302

1,468

864

788

266

109

202

329

1,803

237

161

1,514

232

589

341

462

197

591

203

314

1,341

384

109

235

121

149

279

312

989

196

248

874

2.8

4.5

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

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|  | | **October 2019** |  |  | **September 2019** |  |  | **October 2018** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |

Mississippi Monroe Montgomery Nevada Newton Ouachita Perry

Phillips Pike Poinsett Polk Pope Prairie Pulaski Randolph

St. Francis Saline Scott Searcy Sebastian Sevier Sharp Stone Union Van Buren

Washington White Woodruff Yell

17,657

2,768

2,968

3,629

3,361

9,929

4,280

6,409

4,291

10,534

8,016

28,778

3,600

192,144

7,385

8,166

58,543

4,337

2,897

56,772

5,463

5,704

4,753

15,776

5,709

127,935

33,857

2,831

8,458

16,937

2,657

2,842

3,495

3,259

9,481

4,138

6,058

4,139

10,214

7,683

27,768

3,467

186,108

7,149

7,801

56,979

4,198

2,772

55,033

5,215

5,443

4,570

15,013

5,456

125,147

32,565

2,701

8,180

720

111

126

134

102

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351

152

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1,010

133

6,036

236

365

1,564

139

125

1,739

248

261

183

763

253

2,788

1,292

130

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4.1

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3.0

4.5

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3.0

4.2

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3.8

4.6

3.3

17,609

2,764

3,012

3,643

3,352

9,893

4,250

6,367

4,295

10,403

8,042

28,652

3,619

190,650

7,353

8,155

58,049

4,325

3,002

56,458

5,465

5,727

4,763

15,730

5,762

126,661

33,815

2,810

8,385

16,823

2,647

2,881

3,501

3,242

9,442

4,101

5,999

4,146

10,072

7,686

27,528

3,453

184,363

7,110

7,767

56,453

4,180

2,871

54,651

5,205

5,459

4,580

14,950

5,502

123,782

32,451

2,670

8,085

786

117

131

142

110

451

149

368

149

331

356

1,124

166

6,287

243

388

1,596

145

131

1,807

260

268

183

780

260

2,879

1,364

140

300

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5.0

3.6

17,757

2,726

3,042

3,636

3,298

9,803

4,241

6,552

4,258

10,321

7,947

29,112

3,598

189,493

7,260

8,283

57,852

4,412

2,929

56,763

5,581

5,796

4,820

15,869

5,863

123,227

33,817

2,859

8,601

16,999

2,621

2,912

3,524

3,198

9,388

4,093

6,222

4,104

9,995

7,663

28,070

3,467

183,626

7,023

7,913

56,219

4,271

2,819

54,953

5,332

5,540

4,632

15,143

5,600

120,286

32,569

2,740

8,295

758

105

130

112

100

415

148

330

154

326

284

1,042

131

5,867

237

370

1,633

141

110

1,810

249

256

188

726

263

2,941

1,248

119

306

4.3

3.9

4.3

3.1

3.0

4.2

3.5

5.0

3.6

3.2

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4.5

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3.7

4.2

3.6

# County Labor Force Summary

### Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in 64 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates in nine counties were stable over-the-month, while two counties posted rate increases. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.0 percent in Jackson County.

In October, unemployment rates in 52 counties were at or below four percent. That is up from forty-four counties with rates at or below four percent last month. For the third consecutive month, no county posted an unemployment rate above seven percent.

Compared to October 2018, jobless rates have increased in 33 counties. Rates are down in thirty-

one counties, while eleven counties were the same compared to last year.

**County Unemployment Rates**



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**Rate**

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.6

4.6

4.8

4.9

5.5

5.7

6.0

**Rank County**

50 Little River

50 Monroe

53 Dallas

53 Lee

53 Mississippi

56 Montgomery

56 Polk

58 Cleburne

58 Lafayette

58 Logan

58 Searcy

62 Ashley

62 Van Buren

64 Drew

64 Izard

64 Ouachita

64 St. Francis

64 Sevier

69 Sharp

69 Woodruff

1. Union
2. Jefferson
3. Phillips
4. Chicot
5. Jackson

**Rank County Rate**

25 Hot Spring 3.4

27 Bradley 3.5

27 Calhoun 3.5

27 Clark 3.5

27 Garland 3.5

27 Hempstead 3.5

27 Lawrence 3.5

27 Pike 3.5

27 Pope 3.5

35 Cleveland 3.6

35 Miller 3.6

37 Crittenden 3.7

37 Independence 3.7

37 Lincoln 3.7

37 Marion 3.7

37 Nevada 3.7

37 Prairie 3.7

43 Desha 3.8

43 Johnson 3.8

43 White 3.8

46 Clay 3.9

46 Conway 3.9

46 Cross 3.9

46 Stone 3.9

50 Columbia 4.0

**Rate**

2.2

2.3

2.4

2.5

2.6

2.6

2.7

2.8

2.8

2.9

2.9

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.2

3.2

3.3

3.3

3.3

3.4

**Rank County**

1. Washington
2. Benton
3. Madison
4. Craighead
5. Arkansas

5 Carroll

1. Saline
2. Faulkner

8 Howard

10 Grant

10 Lonoke

12 Boone

12 Newton

12 Poinsett

15 Crawford

15 Franklin

15 Greene

15 Pulaski

15 Sebastian

20 Randolph

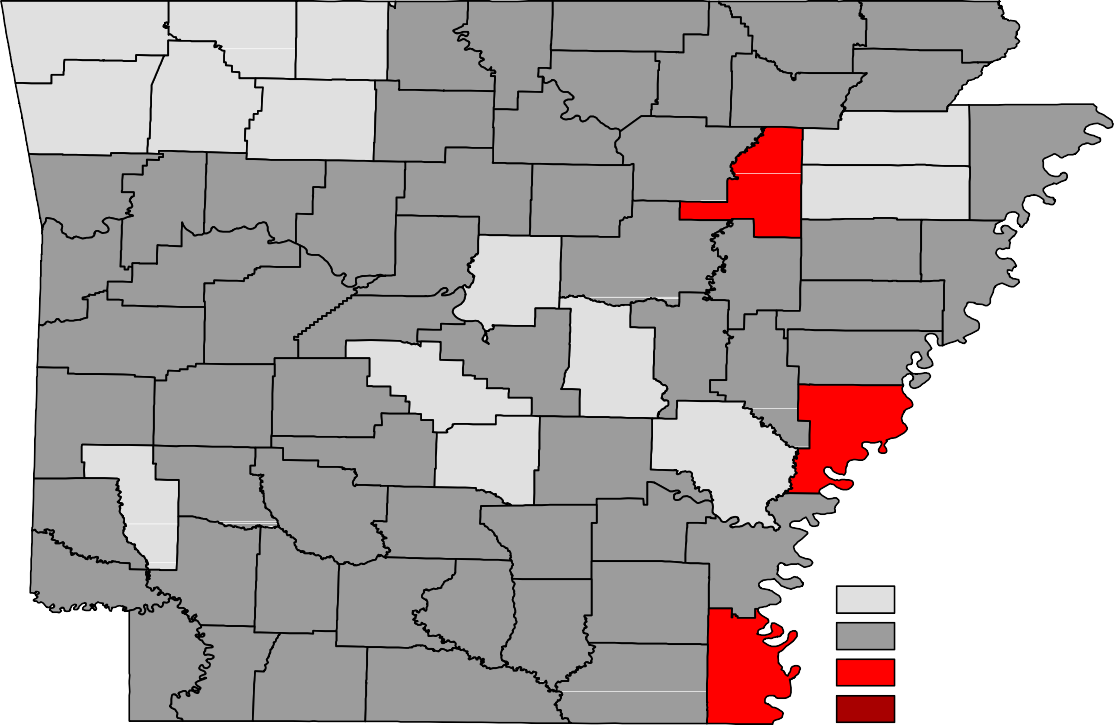
20 Scott

22 Fulton

22 Perry

22 Yell

25 Baxter



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Randolph**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Crawford**

**Franklin**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**Conway**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Howard**

**Hot Spring Grant Jefferson Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland**

**Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead Nevada Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller Lafayette Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**October 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | | **Not Seasonally Adjusted** |  | | |
|  | **October 2019** |  | **September 2019** |  | **October 2018** |  |
| **LWDA CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 254,855 | 247,336 7,519 | 3.0 | 253,114 245,017 8,097 3.2 | 251,673 | 244,180 7,493 | 3.0 |
| City of Little Rock 98,899 | 95,841 3,058 | 3.1 | 98,013 94,943 3,070 3.1 | 97,598 | 94,563 3,035 | 3.1 |
| Eastern 46,538 | 44,619 1,919 | 4.1 | 46,354 44,321 2,033 4.4 | 46,681 | 44,806 1,875 | 4.0 |
| North Central 94,309 | 90,445 3,864 | 4.1 | 94,497 90,458 4,039 4.3 | 93,977 | 90,278 3,699 | 3.9 |
| Northeast 123,858 | 120,121 3,737 | 3.0 | 123,031 119,038 3,993 3.2 | 122,101 | 118,267 3,834 | 3.1 |
| Northwest 333,973 | 325,910 8,063 | 2.4 | 331,404 322,981 8,423 2.5 | 323,700 | 315,153 8,547 | 2.6 |
| Southeast 82,502 | 79,108 3,394 | 4.1 | 82,065 78,532 3,533 4.3 | 82,137 | 78,811 3,326 | 4.0 |
| Southwest 92,551 | 88,842 3,709 | 4.0 | 92,257 88,433 3,824 4.1 | 92,855 | 89,011 3,844 | 4.1 |
| West Central 132,102 | 127,453 4,649 | 3.5 | 131,785 126,871 4,914 3.7 | 132,251 | 127,490 4,761 | 3.6 |
| Western 111,913 | 108,285 3,628 | 3.2 | 111,377 107,591 3,786 3.4 | 112,084 | 108,436 3,648 | 3.3 |



**Benton**

**Carroll**

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**Fulton**

**Clay**

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**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring**

**Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Howard**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland**

**Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

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**Lafayette**

Central (minus LR) Eastern



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North Central

Northeast Northwest Southeast

Southwest West Central Western